

from Vice Admiral Alexoff, the Russian commander at Port Arthur:

"On June 17 the Taku forts were captured by landing parties after a night engagement which was begun by the Chinese and which lasted seven hours. There participated in the engagement the Russian gunboats Korvetz, Gijak, and Bobr, the French gunboat Lion, the British sloop Albatross, and the German gunboat Hildebrandt. The Russian captain, Dobrowolski, who is the senior of the commanding officers, was seriously wounded and will have to be docked for repairs. She was struck below the waterline and rendered leaky. The Korvetz is leaking in six places and one of her cabins was destroyed. The Bobr was not injured."

#### THE ATTITUDE OF AMERICA.

French Newspaper's Opinion on Our Policy in China.

PARIS, June 20.—The "Figaro" protests against the statements attributed to American officials to the effect that the United States Government is not at war with China.

The paper says: "It is impossible for the United States to refuse to join the European nations. Her interests render it imperative for her to do so."

#### REPULSE OF THE BOXERS.

Foreign Guards Kill One Hundred Rebels at Tientsin.

LONDON, June 20.—In the House of Commons this afternoon Right Hon. William S. P. Brodrick, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the Government had received a message from the British Consul at Tientsin, which probably left there on June 18 and came by way of Chefoo to day. It reads as follows:

"The Boxers yesterday evening did much damage to the line north of Tientsin and burned the Catholic Cathedral, a mission chapel, and numbers of Chinese houses. The Chinese troops made no visible efforts to restrain them. On the Boxers attacking the settlement, the foreign guards killed about 100."

#### AMERICAN SAILORS ARRESTED.

Several of Them Fined for Fighting in Southampton.

SOUTHAMPTON, June 20.—A dozen sailors from the United States training ship Buffalo got into a free fight in the town yesterday and several arrests were made. In court this morning several fines were imposed.

#### NEW ITALIAN MINISTRY.

The Duty of Forming One Falls on Signor Sarace.

ROME, June 20.—Signor Sarace, the President of the Senate, has been charged by the King with the duty of forming a new ministry.

He will be supported by Signor Sennio, the leader of the parliamentary majority.

#### TO BE DEPORTED.

Fitzharris and Muller Not Permitted to Land in America.

The announcement will be made before tonight or tomorrow morning that Fitzharris, otherwise known as "Skin the Goat," and Muller the pardoned Irish convict, will be deported. The opinion of the Solicitor of the Treasury is in the hands of Assistant Secretary Taylor to the effect that according to the law these men should be deported, and it is understood that the Attorney General, who is opposed to this opinion has been asked, concurred in Solicitor O'Connell's opinion.

Commissioner General Powderly's well-known views on the law have been obtained by the Department of Justice and his final decision will be written today. It will be for deportation, and unqualified.

The Irish "Invincibles" have made a hard fight to get into this country. They maintained that the crime for which they were convicted, that of alleged complicity in the murder of Lord Cavendish and Under Secretary Burke in Phoenix Park, May 6, 1882, was a "political offense."

"Political offenses," according to the Immigration law of 1891, are no bar to the admission of alien convicted persons pardoned for such crimes. Political influence has been brought to bear upon the Treasury Department and Department of Justice, to no avail in this case, as both departments are thoroughly convinced, according to expressions of various officials often repeated, that the men should not be allowed to enter the United States.

#### CHILD POISONED BY MISTAKE.

Mother Gives Her Carbolic Acid Instead of Medicine.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., June 20.—After suffering terribly for half an hour, Alice A. Stump, eight years old, died Monday night in the home of her parents at 270 Bloomfield Avenue, the victim of a mother's mistake.

Alice was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Stump. She had been ill for about a week with tonsillitis, and the doctor had left medicine for her. It was set near a bottle of the same size containing carbolic acid. In the night the child's mother rose to give her the medicine, and taking the wrong bottle, administered a spoonful of poison.

"You have given me the wrong medicine, mamma," cried the girl. "This burns terribly."

The mistake was discovered and the physician was hurriedly summoned, but his efforts to save the life of the patient were unavailing.

#### A Sleep-Walker's Terrible Fall.

LANCASTER, Pa., June 20.—While walking in his sleep yesterday George B. Griffith, a young man, whose home is in Scranton, broke the window in the third floor of his boarding-house and fell forty feet to the pavement. For two hours he lay unconscious in the rain. At St. Joseph's Hospital it was discovered that he is suffering from concussion of the brain and internal injuries. He is not expected to recover.

## WORRIED ABOUT CONGER

Lack of News From the Minister to China Causes Anxiety.

War and Navy Officials in Conference With the President—Mr. Hackett Urged to Send to Taku, General MacArthur Urged to Hurry the Ninth Infantry From Manila. The Transport Thomas Not at Nagasaki—If a State of War is Declared, Unnaturalized Residents in the United States Will Probably Be Deported.

No word from either Minister Conger or Captain McCalla was received by the State, War, and Navy Department officials today, and Secretary Hay expressed himself as being greatly worried over the continued silence. He called on the President this morning in company with Mr. Hackett, the Acting Secretary of the Navy, and Secretary Root, and held a conference for nearly an hour. The President is deeply anxious as to the fate of the American Minister at Peking, and asked that another attempt be made to reach him by cable. This was done before noon, but no result was obtained.

Secretary Hay today laid before the President a problem upon which he has been working for several days. As it is more than likely that a state of war will be declared to exist between China and the nations represented by the vessels fired upon at Taku, it is hardly known what steps will be taken in regard to the large number of Chinese in the United States. It has been discovered that hardly a Chinaman in each 100 is a naturalized citizen, and in case of war being declared these would either be deported or held under surveillance.

During the Spanish war there were but a handful of unnaturalized Spaniards in this country, and these, through a lenient policy, were not made prisoners, but were watched. The task of watching over 400,000 Chinese in the United States would be too great a job for the officials, and, while the announcement has not yet been made, it is known that in case of war being declared to exist there will be deported, unless they can show naturalization papers.

While Secretary Hay does not hold officially that a state of war does exist with China, he is the only official of the State Department who takes that ground. The others hold that every rule of international law should be observed by the government committed by the Chinese Government, and by the conditions at present existing, a state of war certainly exists without question.

The War Department today called to General MacArthur to hurry the Ninth Infantry, which has been ordered to Taku. This regiment has been recruited to its full strength of 1,200 men, and is in splendid condition, according to advice.

Word has been received at the State Department that the Chinese Government has conceded all arrangements for postal service between Chefoo and Tientsin and Taku.

The Navy Department denies the story that the transport Thomas has been ordered from Nagasaki to Taku, as the Thomas did not leave San Francisco until June 16, and cannot arrive at Nagasaki for two weeks yet. The only other transport en route to Manila is the Sherman, which left San Francisco on June 1, and which carries only a dozen officers, a corps of nurses, and ten recruits.

Word was received at the War Department today that the transport Flintshire has arrived at Manila. The vessel carries supplies, and can be used for Chinese service.

It was practically decided at the conference at the White House this morning to send the Chinese troops from Manila to Taku. Either the Twenty-fourth or Twenty-fifth Infantry will be ordered to prepare today.

Mr. Wu, the Chinese Minister, called at the State Department today and asked Secretary Hay for news. He refused to express any opinion, but appeared cheerful and buoyant.

A despatch from Admiral Kempff this morning states that the Yorktown has arrived at Chefoo, and is prepared for trouble. The Yorktown was one of the vessels fired upon by the Taku forts, and is in charge of Commander Tausig. She carries a detail of marines.

Secretary Hay today gave out the following despatch received by the State Department from Consul Fowler, at Chefoo:

"Chefoo, June 20. 'Secretary of State, Washington: 'I have transmitted despatches through the Phenix, which carries all communications which have been accumulated at Chefoo for Conger and MacArthur, there being no communication except naval. I have also chartered small steamers which will leave Chefoo at noon today for Yang-Chikan for the rescue of the American and British missionaries. The French Consulate in the northwest region of Shanghai reports that British mission at Tang Chow has been looted. It is not reported that any missionaries were killed, but their whereabouts are at present unknown."

"They went off with the Chinese general. The governor has left Chefoo, the capital, for Cheow, a point near the coast. Chinese ships have left for the south. Troops are leaving. Nothing has been heard at Chefoo of the Peking relief force for the past six days. No word from Conger or McCalla."

FOWLDER.

The State Department today issued the following bulletin:

"The American Minister at Tokyo telegraphs that two transports, with 1,200 men and 300 horses sailed today from Japan for Taku; that 600 Japanese troops have already landed, and that five Japanese war vessels are now at Taku; that the Japanese Government is prepared to send additional forces should necessity arise."

Secretary Hay denies the story that the United States is or will be concerned in any plan to raise the Emperor of China to the throne, or that the United States will maintain troops in China.

#### A DESPATCH FROM KEMPFF.

Acting Secretary Hackett Refuses to Make It Public.

An important despatch from Admiral Kempff, dated Chefoo, was received at the Navy Department this afternoon. Acting Secretary of the Navy Hackett declines to take the responsibility of giving it out.

#### MOROCCO'S SULTAN PROTESTS.

TANGIER, June 20.—The Sultan of Morocco's representative has addressed a communication to the powers, protesting in the name of the Sultan against the French encroachments at Igli and other places.

## THE PLATFORM ADOPTED.

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ties, to terminate the strife between them."

### Rebellion in the Philippines.

Of the Philippines this is said:

"Our authority could not be less than our responsibility and wherever sovereign rights were extended it became the high duty of the Government to maintain its authority, to put down armed insurrection and to confer the blessings of liberty and civilization upon all the rescued people. The largest measure of self-government consistent with their welfare and our duties shall be secured to them by law. To Cuba, independence and self-government were assured in the same way by which war was declared and to the letter this pledge shall be performed."

No reference is made to woman's suffrage or to Porto Rico, and of the policy to be pursued in China there is only a hint in this brief paragraph:

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For two days there has been a story flying about the hotel corridors to the effect that certain personal friends of the Governor, who came here from New York with him, have been telling him that he might be nominated for President. These men have made the statement to reporters and others. Such a proposition was not taken seriously because, it is declared,

### CHASE AND JONES ADMITTED.

Credentialed Committee Recognizes Them as District Delegates.

CONVENTION HALL, Philadelphia, June 20.—The Committee on Credentials this afternoon ratified the action of the National Committee by declaring that J. E. Jones and W. Calvin Chase were the regularly elected delegates from the District of Columbia.

If the Quay resolution, fixing a new basis of representation is adopted the District of Columbia will have six delegates in future conventions.

### THE CONVENTION CROWDS.

Hosts of Visitors Unable to Get Into the Hall.

PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—The Quaker City has had all sorts of good luck in connection with the Republican Convention. Since Monday morning the weather has been all that the most particular delegate could ask. In the second place, the attendance is a record-breaker. The crowd is the biggest Philadelphia ever attempted to entertain. The Convention Hall is said to seat 15,000 persons, and there is standing room for 2,000 more. It was full to the limit yesterday, and today there was no abatement of the demand for tickets, badges, or anything else that would get a man inside the doors. There are a great many visitors here who have not been able to see the inside of the hall, and are waiting for a chance to get in.

The Albany Marching Club, controlled by William Barnes, Jr., came down by boat, 500 strong. Yesterday Mr. Barnes was in despair. He had been unable to secure only eighteen tickets of admission for his 500 followers. Many other party leaders from all sections are in a similar position.

Getting out to the Convention Hall is quite a job. There are trolley cars galore, but they stop several blocks away from the place building, and they are badly crowded during the rush hours. To help out, a number of vehicles have been rigged up to carry passengers for the sum of 75 cents each way.

### A SMALLPOX GUARD SHOT.

Affairs at Charlestown, W. Va., Reported to a Normal Condition.

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., June 20.—Mayor George Washington went to Washington Monday and secured an order from the Surgeon General to retain Dr. W. C. Billings, of the Marine Hospital Service, who has charge of the smallpox hospital at this place until all the patients are cured and the disease stamped out. There are no new cases, and the treatment has almost entirely subsided. Business is going on as usual.

Newton Hedges, a guard employed by the City Council to watch one of the residences in the western part of the town, where a colored smallpox patient is confined, was fired on last Monday night by an unknown colored man. Before shooting the man had some conversation with Hedges and asked him if he was on guard the night before and had not shot at a man. Hedges replying in the affirmative, the fellow drew a revolver and shot Hedges in the breast. The ball passed through his heavy overcoat. He was only slightly injured.

### A DESTRUCTIVE RAINSTORM.

Maryland Streams Flooded and Field Crops Destroyed.

SABILLASVILLE, Md., June 20.—A thunderstorm, with heavy fall of rain and hail, swept across Harbaugh Valley Monday evening, doing considerable damage to corn and potatoes and to fruit and grain crops generally. The rain kept up for several hours. At Deerfield the flood was pronounced. The high bridge over the brook south of the town was covered with water and knee deep, and at the end approaches the water was waist deep. Through which belated pedestrians had to wade en route to their homes.

MIDDLEBURY, Md., June 20.—A fierce thunderstorm, accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning and a heavy downpour of rain, visited this section of Frederick county Monday night between 8 and 9 o'clock. One inch of water fell in thirty-five minutes, making a total precipitation of 4½ inches in the past eleven days. The small stream that empties into Cacoon Creek a short distance west of Middlebury overflowed its banks, flooding the fields along its course. Charles Bliser lost a quantity of hay which had been cut and left in the field. A number of cornfields were badly damaged. During the storm lightning struck and shattered a locust tree near the Reformed Church.

### Census Man Attacked by a Rooster.

CUMBERLAND, Md., June 20.—A game rooster savagely attacked Gustave Kiermer, a census enumerator in North Cumberland, Monday evening while Kiermer was in pursuit of his work and put him to flight. The rooster repeatedly seized Mr. Kiermer, and drew blood. Six of the twelve census enumerators in Cumberland have finally been shot. The first to be shot was Harman Lehman.

## THE ROOSEVELT REFUSAL

Various Interpretations of the Governor's Attitude.

Action of the New York Delegation Said Not to Have Eliminated Him From the Vice Presidential Situation—A Statement That It Has Aided the Plans of Mr. Hanna.

PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—The action of the New York delegation at 1 o'clock this morning in endorsing Timothy L. Woodruff for Vice President did not settle the difficulty and did not eliminate Governor Roosevelt from the situation.

The Woodruff endorsement fell flat, because every man here, his agents included, knows that he has no chance of being nominated.

The action of New York is variously interpreted, and the impression was general this morning that if an attempt is made in the Convention to nominate Roosevelt the delegation will vote for him on the second ballot.

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## ARRIVAL OF WITHAMITES

Large Party of Georgia Bankers on a Pleasure Trip.

The Witham excursionists from Atlanta to the number of 165 arrived in Washington this morning, and went on to the quarters reserved for them in the Metropolitan Hotel. The excursionists are made up of the cashiers of thirty-four banks and the secretaries of nine cotton mills of the State of Georgia, which are all controlled by President W. S. Witham. They are accompanied by the wives of a number of these officers and by about twenty young unmarried and beautiful Georgia ladies.

The party will remain in the Capital sightseeing until Friday morning, when they take their departure for the Quaker City. Their itinerary announces that, "being from the South, they have no trouble to 'do' Philadelphia in five hours," when they will take the train for Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, N. J.

A convention will be held at Asbury Park at which the members of the Witham Banking Association will discuss banks, bankers, and banking, and will be addressed by the present New York bankers, Alva Trowbridge and Charles A. Pugsley. Sunday will be spent in Ocean Grove.

The excursion will "hesitate" in Asbury Park until the morning of Tuesday following, when departure will be made for the metropolis. Several days will be spent in New York "seeing the sights," which includes a visit to Coney Island.

The Witham excursionists left Atlanta on Monday, in their own special train composed of several Pullman cars and a smoker, and arrived in Norfolk at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning. The party went to Old Point in the afternoon and at night took the steamer Newport News for Washington.

W. S. Witham is the proprietor of a system of country banks of which there are now thirty-four in the State of Georgia and of which he is president. He is also state treasurer of the State of Georgia, and has established in conjunction with the banks. He bears most of the expense of the excursion.

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